

## REMARKS

Claims 17-25 and 27-31 are pending in the present application. The abstract of the specification stands objected to. Claims 22, 23, and 30 stand objected to. Claims 17-28 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 29-31 stand allowed. Claim 26 has been cancelled. Claims 17, 19, 20, 22-25, and 30 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

### **Objection to Abstract of Specification:**

In regard to this objection, the Abstract has been amended accordingly.

### **Objection to Claims (Claims 22, 23, 30):**

In regard to this objection, claims 22, 23, and 30 have been amended accordingly.

### **35 USC 112, Second Paragraph (Claims 17-28):**

In regard to this rejection, claims 17, 19, 24, and 25 have been amended accordingly. Claim 26 has been cancelled.

### **Conclusion**

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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